

Newsletter published by the SHIBA HelpLine Regional Managers, for time-sensitive health insurance news. Please pass the information on to others!

The latest headlines:

- **Northwest Justice Project (NJP) helps with Medicare Part D exceptions and appeals:** A not-for-profit statewide organization, NJP provides free civil legal services to seniors and low-income people throughout Washington state. NJP helps low-income clients under age 60 and clients of any income over age 60 with Medicare Part D exceptions and appeals. NJP is available Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., and on Tuesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.
 - Non seniors call: 1-888-201-1014
 - Non seniors, who live in King County, call: 206-464-1519
 - Seniors (60 and over) statewide call: 1-888-387-7111

2006 Washington State Legislature creates Small Employer Health Insurance Partnership Program: This program helps eligible employees offset the cost of health insurance their employer buys from commercial carriers. Income must be less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level (\$1,634/single, \$2,200/couple). The Washington State Health Care Authority administers the program. HCA will accept applications starting July 1, 2007. For more information, visit <http://www.hca.wa.gov/smallemployer/>.

Beware of potential Medicare phone scams: Clients should be wary if they receive a phone call from someone claiming they are with Medicare. The scammers claim they are reissuing new Medicare cards, and ask for money. Tell clients to hang up. Medicare does not contact people by phone, and it never asks for money.

The Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors (SHIBA) HelpLine is hiring for two jobs: SHIBA is currently seeking a Health Insurance Advisor 2 manager for its program operations team. SHIBA is also recruiting for a Health Insurance Advisor 1 to join its field operations team. Both positions are based in Tumwater. For more information on these jobs, visit the [OIC Web site](#).

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